

## **Winter Quarters**

### **From the Journal of Andrew Fjeld**

Friday, Sept. 11, 1846. A site for building Winter Quarters for the exiled saints who had been driven out of Nauvoo, Ill., was made on the west bank of the Missouri River. Teams began to return to Nauvoo after the poor.

A committee of twelve men were appointed to arrange the temporary city into wards over which Bishops were chosen to preside.

By the following March, Winter Quarters contained 41 blocks, 820 lots, 700 houses, 22 wards and perhaps 10,000 inhabitants.

Brigham Young and most of the members of the Quorum of the Twelve lived here so it became the headquarters of the Church.

It was near Winter Quarters that the original company of pioneers was organized and started the memorable journey towards the west, April 18th, 1847. The pioneer camp was organized into hundreds, fifties and tens with officers over each. They were also organized into a military camp with Pres. Brigham Young as Lieutenant-general; Stephen Markham, Colonel; John Pack and Shadrack Roundy, Majors; and the Captains of tens to hold rank in the military organization.

The company was composed of 143 men, 3 women, 2 children, 73 wagons, 93 horses, 52 mules, 66 oxen, 19 cows, 17 dogs, 2 donkeys, 1 cannon and some chickens.

Two of these men, Tunis Rappleye and John W. Norton, in after years lived in Lehi.

Leaving Winter Quarters on the 18th of April, they arrived in the Valley of the Great Salt Lake, July 24th, 1847, thus making the journey in 97 days.

No lives were lost nor any serious accidents had occurred which speaks well for the thoroughness of their preparations and the discipline of the organization while on the way. Eighty six years have passed since they entered the valley and now all of the members of that heroic band have passed to their reward beyond the veil. Peace to their memory. (written on side of page: 1868-1946=78 years.  
1847-1846=99 years)